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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Army Garrison, Alaska Holiday Safety Message

1. At this time of year our focus shifts to holiday gatherings and festive celebrations. This is a joyous time of year filled with the spirit of giving and sharing and participation in many activities. This season of celebration and festivities coincides with increased hazards from longer hours of darkness, adverse winter weather and hazardous driving conditions. These factors are compounded by the various holiday activities, which often include alcohol consumption, increased highway travel and fatigue.

2. The safety of our communities must be our foremost concern. I ask each of you to stay focused on the many hazards associated with this time of year. Commanders, directors and work leaders must inform their personnel of the adverse consequences of drinking and driving and stress the importance of vehicles that are in good mechanical condition. Seatbelts and child safety seat usage are imperative.

3. Other accidents, house fires, cold weather injuries and recreational related accidents can ruin an otherwise joyful holiday. Through the sincere involvement of every member of our community (military and civilian), we can enjoy this season free of accidents and tragedy. To assist you in this endeavor, our Installation Safety Staff has prepared the enclosed list of Holiday Safety Tips and other helpful information for your use. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this information and all other available resources to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday for all.

4. May each of you, have a safe and joyous holiday. I look forward to seeing all of you back at work, safe and ready to face the challenges of a New Year. Please remember that "All of us are responsible for the safety of each of us".

***Happy Holidays to All and BE SAFE!***

Encl  
Holiday Safety Tips

  
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*Wishing you a safe &  
enjoyable holiday  
Season!*

# Holiday Safety Tips



1. The period from Thanksgiving through the New Year is the most festive and celebrated season of the year. It is a special time to gather with family and friends in celebration and the enjoyment of various holiday festivities. Unfortunately, this season can be a very dangerous time, when we are exposed to the many hazards associated with holiday parties, celebrations and travel.

2. As we approach this year's holiday season, commanders and leaders at all levels are strongly encouraged to get involved and set up informative programs that will educate our Soldiers and civilian employees on basic safety rules that will minimize their exposure to accidents. In the interest of ensuring a safe holiday season, the Installation Safety Staff has prepared a list of suggested topics and other information available to assist you with your holiday planning.

a. At a minimum, leaders at all levels must present a Holiday Safety Briefing to all of their personnel (Soldiers and civilian employees). Emphasis should be placed on, but not limited to, these potentially high risk topics and activities.

(1). Privately Owned Vehicle Accident Avoidance:

- Ensure vehicles are in good mechanical condition and do not drink and drive or allow others to do so.
- Drive defensively; reduce speed, be considerate of others, and most importantly, use seatbelts and child safety seats.



(2). Fire Prevention: "Be Fire Wise"

- Do not leave burning candles unattended or allow children to play with matches or other flame producing devices.
- Do not overload extension cords or electrical outlets.
- Do not leave cooking ranges and space heaters unattended.



(3). Outdoor Recreational Safety: Enjoy the outdoors, but play it safe.

- Know/understand the laws and safety rules of snowmobiling.
- Let someone know when and where you are going and estimated time of return. Monitor small children at all times!
- Heed weather warnings and dress appropriately, "in layers" and have emergency equipment available.





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**(4). Personal Safety and Security: "Be street smart"**

- If possible travel and/or shop in pairs and be aware of your surroundings at all times. Stop, Look, Listen!
- Avoid dark/unlit areas and keep an eye on small children.



- (5). Barracks Safety and Security: Remind those Soldiers that reside in the barracks, that it is their home. We want them to relax and be comfortable, but ensure they know and follow established fire, safety, and security policies and procedures. Advise them to lock their doors when they go out and let someone know where they are going and when they expect to return. Encourage the use of the Buddy System! And for their own safety and security, direct them to report suspicious personnel and/or activities to the proper authority.**



b. To assist you in this endeavor, our Safety Staff has prepared a Holiday Safety Kit for your use. This Safety Kit and other holiday safety information and tools are available at each of our Installation Safety Office web sites;

- Fort Richardson Safety at [https://www.usarak.army.mil/Garrison\\_Safety/](https://www.usarak.army.mil/Garrison_Safety/) (384-2382/2383)
- Fort Wainwright Safety at <https://fwa.pac.army.mil/postsafety/> (353-7078/6473)

# Happy Holidays!

